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Notes from KK4BK (Brian)

Dear SWARC members,

HOA's: Love them or hate them. If you live in one, there is a reason for it. Close to Family, work or hospitals – lots of us live in one. When I moved into ours, I was not a ham. Had no intentions on being a ham or putting up an antenna if but for TV. But times change! I became a ham and wanted an antenna!

Rules say no, but every ham knows how to skirt that little rule. Hide that antenna. The HOA may not see it, but your significant other may see it and worry. That's why I spent lots of time figuring out how to get around the YL's worry of the HOA, and the HOA.

While we all want a nice tower, some places – like my yard - aren't meant for one. BUT, some are! And the HOA still says no!

Well, here is your chance to have your voice heard by the people who represent you. The ARRL is pushing to get the restriction removed like when satellite dishes weren't allowed. Visit the URL <https://www.arrl.org/current-legislation>. From there, click the "Send Your Letters Now".



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Getting a tower while living in an HOA is like the Lotto. If you don't send a letter, you may not get one. Just like not buying a lotto ticket means you won't win. IF you don't live in an HOA, send in a letter for me, so I can at least make my VHF antenna higher. :-)

Don't forget Club Dues are ... Due. Your dues help with lots of activities within the club. Beginning with the funds paid to the KQ4RCH Danny Hampton Memorial Club for use of the 145.21 repeater. Refer to the **MEMBERSHIP** header found below in the newsletter for instructions on how to become or renew a membership.

Please remember our fellow hams who are dealing with various medical situations. Please reach out to these folks. Even a phone call can brighten their day and give them encouragement through their recovery.

We ask you to keep the following in your thoughts and prayers:

Gary, KO4LQX, and Kenny, KJ4CVK.

Gary Plante, KO4LQX, reports:

**My scoping results confirmed the same results as my scans.
My ENT said that they agree that most of my issues are from post
radiation damage and my reflux.**

Gary



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Kenny, KJ4CVK, is in an assisted living facility, in Lillington.

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Notes from KO4ZZFO (Rodney)

The public calendar is now available on our website. Feel free to add it to your personal calendar by clicking on the “Add to Google Calendar” link on that page. This calendar is viewable on our Events page. If you would like to share an event on this calendar, please send us a request.

The NC State Fair is just around the corner, and volunteers are still needed at the Ham Radio booth (October 16-26). If you would like to participate, please contact Travis Russell, KN4WJL for availability or at jars.net. Time slots are limited, so don’t wait to sign up.

We still have a selection of T-shirts which can be purchased at the meeting.

Lastly, if you have an idea for a monthly presentation, or know of someone who would be interested in speaking to club, please let me know.



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73,

Rodney, KO4ZFO

SWARC 6 Aug 2025 Meeting

Thanks to all who brought things for us to eat.

This was a nicely attended meeting, the fellowship was great and the program was very informational. This was the second presentation on Winlink setup by Brian (KK4BK).

Attendees: Richard (KR4LH), Dave, (NW3U), Rich (KZ4ET) and wife Jane, Christy (KJ4AEO), Don (KN4OEY), Paul (KN4GNI), Brian (K4BK), Mike (KD4OKR), Diane (KE4VNX), Mike (KD4MC), Steve (WB4SMS), Tom (KC2QVD), Phil (KZ4OE), David (KQ4ZLK), Rodney (KO4ZFO), Ron (K4AAA), Bill (KK4QDZ), Michael (KD4RFD), Bernie (N4BAJ), Ken (KN4GUS), Navin (KF4LFW), Dave (K4MSE) and guests Chad (N4WCS) and Chris (no call).

SWARC 6 Aug 2025 Board Meeting

SWARC Directors Meeting 6:30pm, August 6, 2025



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Summary: Review of past budget items, seeking clarification and discussion. No decision.

Discussed:

1. SWARC t-shirts still in stock and the desire to move them.
2. NCQSO Party sponsorship; \$50/yr., good visibility.
3. Do we want to have a raffle? Need to put it to membership, but seems like a good idea from the past. Have a grand prize, but don't purchase it until drawing to give the winner the option to take the cash equivalent.
4. Repeater donation was \$10/member. We typically give more, but how much more?
5. Legion donation for the use of the facilities.
6. We have 71 members on the roll, only 40 have renewed their dues.
7. Need additional Net Control ops. Ramsey volunteered to take Tuesday night.
8. Fall picnic next month; cookout.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Ramsey (KD4OKR)
Secretary



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SWARC 3 Sep 2025 Meeting

This was a very well attended fall cookout with burgers, dogs and lots of sides provided by the membership.

Attendees: Richard (KR4LH), Dave, (NW3U), Rich (KZ4ET) and wife Jane, Christy (KJ4AEO), Don (KN4OEY), Paul (KN4GNI), Brian (KK4BK) and wife Janet, Mike (KD4OKR), Diane (KE4VNX), Mike (KD4MC), Steve (WB4SMS), Tom (KC2QVD), Billy (KQ4LTD), Dean (WB4HSF), Rodney (KO4ZFO), Ron (K4AAA), Bill (KK4QDZ), Ken (KN4GUS), Paul (KN4NGI), Navin (KF4LFW), Dave (K4MSE), Robert (KQ4GSA) and guest Chris (no call).

Meeting Minutes

1. Review of finances, vote for approval at October meeting
2. Question about our application to include both ARRL and American Legion membership. Discussion about the importance of supporting our host, Post 116, not only financially, but with our time. We need to help serve dinner for a Post 116 general meeting night. Date to be announced.
3. John Paul Keon (AB4PP) is cancer free.
4. Reminder for SWARC to send Danny Hampton's widow a Christmas card from SWARC.
5. Meeting adjourned for program on WSPR.



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PROGRAM:

Tom Henry (KC2QVD) gave a short presentation on the use of the WSPR aspect of the WSJT software. He provided us with resources, typical hardware needed, and how to use WSPR to see where your signal is being heard at very low wattage.

Board Meeting Notes (September 3, 2025)

1. Raffle discussion. Value \$500, suggested DMR package from Bridgecom Systems.
2. JARSfest - Brian is getting a SWARC table.
3. Rodney/Paul discussed password change on website
4. Memorandum of Agreement between SWARC and Post 116. Board is to review and send comments/changes before next meeting.
5. Discussion about State Fair participation and details. No formal decision.
6. SWARC T-shirts are \$15 for small through XL, larger are \$20.

Respectfully submitted,



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Mike Ramsey (KD4OKR)
Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Christy Fernandini's report highlighted income of \$265.00 from dues, raffle proceeds and donations with no expenses. Balance of \$2,820.93 with no obligated funds.

Public Service

To learn more about future events, you can go to <https://hpsnc.org/>. However, here are the current and future support needs:

Check the HPSNC.org web site often for Public Service opportunities. The public service season is very active and events need volunteers. You may also get to public service events on the RARS and SWARC websites.

MEMBERSHIP

It is now time to renew your membership, if you have not already done so. You can pay at a meeting or send a check to the PO Box – OR ->



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We currently have a link on our website which allows you to pay your dues or make a donation. Please let us know when you pay online by emailing me, so that I can ensure your payment is marked either for dues or a donation. The link for SWARC dues is:

<https://urldefense.com/v3/https://square.link/u/h0LLrbD6?src=sms/>

You can bring a check or cash for dues to the next meeting or mail them to the club PO box and Christy will advise she has received them. Also, you can now renew online by contacting Christy and giving her the appropriate credit card info for the 'Square' account. Christy's email is christyfernandini@outlook.com. Make checks payable to South Wake ARC and send to South Wake ARC – PO Box 1565 – Fuquay Varina, NC 27526

NET REPORT

We will no longer be reporting net numbers. **Very few** net controls record their counts, so numbers could be significantly higher than recorded.

If you are a net control, please try to document your check-ins so that we can justify the trustee's provision of the repeater for our nets and other uses. **If you need help with the spreadsheet, send KR4LH a copy**



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of your handwritten log and he will enter them. Text Richard at 830-515-9762 with a picture of your log.

- Sunday evenings - KR4LH
 - Monday evenings - KO4ZFO
 - Tuesday evenings – KD4OKR
 - Wednesday evenings except on meeting nights – KD4MC
 - Thursday evenings – KN4OEY
 - Friday evenings - NC4MP
 - Saturday evenings – KK4BK
- And we need backups – JUST BECAUSE.

Welcome to new substitute net controllers: CD Murphy (KM4IJK), Bryant Byrd (KQ4UHZ), Al Kinnamon (WA3JJG) and Mark McFarland (KD7AAG).

Please contact Brian Knox (KK4BK), if you are interested in calling one or more nets. **If you are a scheduled net controller and you are not able to call your net, please reach out and ask someone else to call it for you!**



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SWARC Mission Statement

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of its members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service. Refer to the SWARC web site for the Board of Directors/Officers and Appointed Positions.

LINKS (if you have other links that you want added, send them to me)

PRN

A Wide Area Digital Amateur Radio Network

www.ncprn.net

GigaParts

www.gigaparts.com

QRZ

www.qrz.com

Ham Radio Outlet HRO

www.hamradio.com

Raleigh Amateur Radio Society RARS

www.rars.org

Johnson Amateur Radio Society JARS

www.jars.net



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South Wake Amateur Radio Club SWARC

www.southwakearc.com

Carolina 440 Network

www.carolina440.net

North Carolina Packet

www.ncpacket.com

TARPN (Terrestrial Amateur Packet Radio Net)

www.tarpn.net

Useful Ham Info

www.torborg.com/a

Five County Ham Radio Enthusiasts

www.fivecountyhre.org

Ham Study (Exam Tools)

www.hamstudy.org

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